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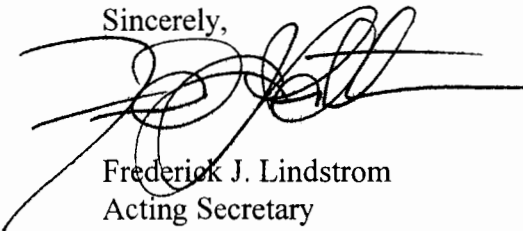
6 December 2004

Dear Mr. Russo:

During its meeting of 18 November 2004, the Commission reviewed the proposed concept for a new building for the National Defense University at Fort McNair. While the inclusion of a courtyard is commendable, access from the upper floors to the open space will allow for greater use. In addition, the facade facing the parade ground should not be broken up, but should be scaled to respond to the context of the site without being timid, providing a bold and simple gesture for this large addition to the historic fort.

The Commission looks forward to further review of this and other projects for Fort McNair. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday the 25th of January 2005, with a submission deadline on the 6th of January. As always, the staff is available should you require guidance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F. Lindstrom', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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